



Soil Cleanup Begins MC Canfield and Sons Site Newark, New Jersey

COMMUNITY UPDATE

JULY 2014

CLEANUP WORK BEGINS

During the week of July 7, 2014, the EPA will begin work to clean up lead-contaminated soil found at the Society Hill Phase III townhouse complex.

- July 10-11 – Equipment will be brought to the site and some may be stationed in the visitor's parking areas on Churchman St.
- July 14 – Excavation work begins. All areas where soil is to be removed will be marked off with caution tape.
- Dust suppression and air monitoring will be done during all phases of the cleanup to prevent any potential releases of dust into the air from affecting the community.
- Landscaping will be replaced where necessary.
- Work is expected to be conducted between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and continue until Sept. 30, 2014.

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SITE INVESTIGATION

The EPA conducted soil sampling investigations in August 2012 and in April 2013 at the former MC Canfield & Sons Site located between Cornerstone Lane and Marrow Street, Newark, New Jersey. Based on the results of the sampling efforts conducted to date, a cleanup action has been planned to address lead-contaminated soil found at the Society Hill Phase III townhouse complex, bounded by Warren, Wickcliffe, W. Market and Norfolk Streets. Elevated levels of lead were not found south of W. Market Street.

SOIL CLEANUP

EPA plans to begin the cleanup work during the week of July 7, 2014. Some areas of the property will be excavated to a maximum depth of two feet, clean soil will be filled in and new landscaping will be restored where necessary. In certain areas lead-contaminated soil will remain, requiring long-term site controls, including maintaining good grass cover, to prevent potential exposures. In addition, a soil management plan will be implemented and required deed notices will be filed with the state of New Jersey.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of September 2014 and will greatly reduce possible exposure to lead in soil at the MC Canfield Site.

The EPA will be conducting information sessions in the near future to further discuss these issues and answer questions you may have.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/removal/mccanfielddandsons>

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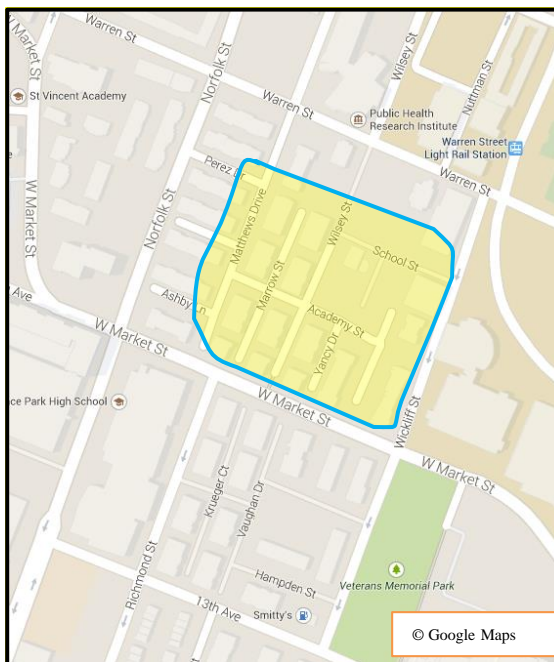
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General area of cleanup activity

SITE BACKGROUND

The former MC Canfield & Sons Site, located at 93 Wilsey Street, was redeveloped for residential use in the early 1990s. A portion of Wilsey Street in Newark was renamed and is now known as Cornerstone Lane. MC Canfield & Sons operated a lead smelter on a portion of the site from 1907 until 1974.

Sampling by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) in March 2012 revealed the presence of elevated levels of lead in the soil in the area of the former MC Canfield & Sons Site.

NJDEP asked the EPA to evaluate the former MC Canfield & Sons Site for removal consideration under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Cleanup and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund program. EPA conducted sampling in August 2012 in response to the NJDEP request. Additional sampling was performed in April/May 2013 in order to better define the extent of lead contamination at the Site. EPA has since determined that the Site is eligible for a cleanup action and has identified the scope of the work to be completed.